

and charge-sheets filed. On the Mumbai blasts no formal material or evidence was given to Pakistan since the charge-sheets had not been filed. The issue of cross-border terrorism in India has been discussed between the officials of India and U.S. within the framework of the Indian legal system.

Nuclear test by North Korea

1675. SHRIAMAR SINGH:
SHRIABU ASIMAZMI:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the 1st nuclear test recently conducted by North Korea, just two days after the country was warned by the UN Security Council that action would lead to severe consequences;

(b) if so, Government's reaction in regard thereto;

(c) whether UN has imposed any sanction on the North Korea; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) Government issued a statement on 9 October 2006 stating "We are deeply concerned at the reported nuclear test conducted by the DPRK. It is unfortunate that the DPRK has conducted such a test in violation of its international commitments, jeopardizing peace, stability and security on the Korean Peninsula and in the region. The test also highlights the dangers of clandestine proliferation. We are monitoring the situation and are in close touch with several countries".

(c) Yes Sir.

(d) The United Nations Security Council unanimously adopted Resolution 1718 on October 14, 2006 imposing restrictive measures on transfers of certain categories of arms and related materials, luxury goods and weapons of mass destruction (WMD)-relevant materials and technology. The Resolution also freezes financial assets, funds and economic resources

related to the DPRK missile and nuclear programmes; and calls upon all Member States to take, in accordance with their national authorities and legislation, and consistent with international law, cooperative action including through inspection of cargo to and from the DPRK as necessary. A Sanctions Committee has been set up to monitor implementation and elaborate lists of banned items and entities.

Blueprint to allocate coal blocks to power sector

1676. SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to fix the minimum net worth criterion for grant of captive coal blocks to all approved end users;

(b) whether the Prime Minister's Energy Coordination Committee has rapped the Ministries of Coal and Power and set an October, 2006 deadline to draw up a blueprint to allocate coal blocks to the power sector;

(c) whether his Ministry has already allotted the relevant blocks for captive mining by private players; and

(d) whether a team of officials visited South Africa, Indonesia and Australia to hold discussions with Coal Companies ready to dedicate coal mines for these projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

NAM summit in Cuba

1677. SHRI MATILAL SARKAR: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the salient point that found place in declaration of NAM held recently in Cuba;

(b) India's specific contribution to the points finding place in the declaration; and

(c) the points of disagreement of India; if any?